

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY MAY 8, 2003 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 30 new fires reported yesterday. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned to search operations near Modena, Utah. Crews have searched approximately fifty-eight percent of the 865 acre area.

**OUTLOOK:**

**Fire Weather Watches:** South central and southeast Colorado for wind and low humidity. Most of New Mexico and west Texas for strong west to southwest winds and low humidity, 15 percent or less.

**Weather Discussion:** An upper trough of low pressure over the Great Basin will bring dry, gusty winds to the Southwest area. Another system in the southern plains will bring more showers and thunderstorms to the central states. Showers should also be found along portions of the east coast. In Alaska, a storm system pushing in from the Bering Sea will produce rain over the southern and western sections as well as some areas of the interior.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>EASTERN AREA</b> Showers and thunderstorms likely over the western Big Rivers Scattered showers lingering over southern New England and eastern mid-Atlantic compacts	58 to 68 over the northern Great Lakes	27 to 37% over northern parts of the Great Lakes	East to southeast at 10 to 15 mph across the northern Great Lakes, 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon over northern MN South to southeast 15 to 30 mph over the western Big Rivers compact
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> Widespread showers Santa Maria, Porterville, Bishop northward. A slight chance of showers south.	35-55 mountains 58-68 valleys 55-80 deserts	45-60% Mountains 45-60% Valleys 20-35% Deserts	W-NW 15-30 mph over the mountains and deserts, and locally 20 mph over coastal valleys.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Southeast-South central Colorado: Partly cloudy with isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms.	Mountains: 55-65 Lower elevations: 70s	8-15%	West 15 to 25 mph.
<b>SOUTHWEST</b> Breezy to windy with partly cloudy skies.	50s and 60s mountains, 70s to 90 lower elevations.	5-20%, except 15-30% mountains of northern AZ and NM.	W to SW 10-25 mph.



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TOPIC OF CHOICE:

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1		1
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						5	5
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	4				8		12
	ACRES	20				33		53
Southern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
TOTAL	FIRES	4	0	0	0	25	1	30
	ACRES	20	0	0	0	36	5	61

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2			2	116		120
	ACRES	20			512	427		959
Northwest	FIRES	4	1	1			10	16
	ACRES	1	0	1			1	3
Northern California	FIRES				4	111	16	131
	ACRES				2,210	23	11	2,244
Southern California	FIRES	1	4	1	1	249	54	310
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	28	100	129
Northern Rockies	FIRES	400	1	14		64	17	496
	ACRES	2,547	0	710		16,320	1,370	20,947
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		10		1	15	3	29
	ACRES		19		0	287	0	306
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5					5
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES	71	27	12		189	94	393
	ACRES	69	2,803	1,288		5,087	296	9,543
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	9	9	26	1	42	16	103
	ACRES	123	2	1,645	200	233	470	2,673
Eastern Area	FIRES	752		66	15	5,717	283	6,833
	ACRES	51,322		3,597	615	93,513	5,200	154,247
Southern Area	FIRES	90		7	11	9,506	272	9,886
	ACRES	20,250		757	756	132,966	7,973	162,702
TOTAL	FIRES	1,329	57	127	35	16,009	765	18,322
	ACRES	74,332	2,827	7,998	4,293	248,884	15,421	353,755

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>30,020</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>604,926</b>

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						220	220
Northern California	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				201		1	202
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						113	113
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						3	3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2,438	2,438
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						40	40
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		3		8	1	13
	ACRES	50		1,263		1,762	12	3,087
Southern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			684				684
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	5	1	8	46	61
	ACRES	50	0	1,947	201	1,762	2,787	6,747

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	19	73	146	1		68	307
	ACRES	1,594	8,750	4,675	7		3,708	18,734
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	93	13		78	194
	ACRES	31	128	15,369	700		4,049	20,277
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	2		71	76
	ACRES		27	38	12		8,843	8,920
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	9	32	3	8	101	162
	ACRES	487	3,788	5,511	510	425	7,294	18,015
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	11	3		5	12	32
	ACRES	18	1,154	300		130	2,569	4,171
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIRES	4	35	4	4		200	247
	ACRES	485	11,397	816	4,877		20,785	38,360
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	11	41	6	8	65	157
	ACRES	1,718	1,160	8,842	446	113	4,060	16,339
Eastern Area	FIRES	16		229	14	331	152	742
	ACRES	10,249		42,995	1,718	46,753	23,478	125,193
Southern Area	FIRES	50		229	35	11,445	1,043	12,802
	ACRES	8,979		79,060	51,497	705,160	824,259	1,668,955
TOTAL	FIRES	127	150	778	78	11,797	1,791	14,721
	ACRES	23,561	26,504	157,606	59,767	752,581	899,275	1,919,294

**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						13,400	13,400
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	13,400	13,400

**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	5	7	105	644
Yukon Territory	0	0	4	21
Alberta	8	0	53	157
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	8	84	63	316
Manitoba	10	475	199	13,260
Ontario	16	20	163	712
Quebec	5	22	85	165
Newfoundland	0	0	4	3
New Brunswick	0	0	40	49
Nova Scotia	4	0	76	193
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>15,519</b>

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California									22	312
Northern Rockies			1							
Eastern Great Basin	3		1			1			28	3
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			4						4	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									4	
Southern Area										
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>315</b>

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